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AMMAN FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THOMPSON

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SUBJECT: REPORT FROM JORDAN OF IMPENDING MIDEAST

VISIT BY SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. SUMMARY: ON JUNE 11 VISIT TO AMMAN VOA BEIRUT

CORRESPONDENT WAS PROVIDED REPORT BY SYRIAN JOURNALIST

TRAVELING WITH PRESIDENT ASSAD'S PARTY THAT SECRETARY

KISSINGER WOULD VISIT MIDEAST THIS MONTH BRINGING

PROPOSAL FOR ISRAELI GOLAN WITHDRAWAL AND WEST BANK

WITHDRAWAL 15 KILOMETERS FROM JORDAN RIVER.

AP CARRIED SIMILAR REPORT FROM AMMAN SAME DAY ATTRIBUTED TO

"ARAB SOURCE". INTERESTING THING ABOUT VERSION GIVEN VOA

CORRESPONDENT WAS SYRIAN JOURNALIST'S ASSERTION THAT

SOURCES WERE JORDANIAN CHIEF OF STAFF LT. GEN. SHARIF ZAYD BIN

SHAKER AND THE JORDANIAN CROWN PRINCE. END SUMMARY.

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2. ON JUNE 11 VOA BEIRUT CORRESPONDENT DON BURGESS WAS ON ASSIGNMENT IN AMMAN FOR COVERAGE OF THE VISIT BY SYRIA'S PRESIDENT ASSAD TO THE KINGDOM. ALSO THERE FROM DAMASCUS WAS SALWA OSTUANY, A SYRIAN STRINGER FOR VOA'S MIDDLE EAST NEWS BUREAU. MS. OSTUANY IS ALSO A STRINGER FOR UPI AND IT WAS IN THAT CAPACITY THAT SHE WAS IN AMMAN THOUGH, AS EXPECTED, SHE PROVIDED INFORMATION TO BURGESS. JUNE ELEVENTH MS. OSTUANY SAID SHE HAD EARLIER VISITED THE QUEEN MOTHER. DURING THE COURSE OF HER MEETING, LT. GEN. SHARIF ZAYD BIN SHAKER, THE JORDANIAN ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF, JOINED THE WOMEN. MS. OSTUANY SAID THE CHIEF OF STAFF HAD BEEN DRINKING. IN THEIR CONVERSATION, THE CHIEF OF STAFF SAID ISRAELI WITHDRAWALS FROM THE WEST BANK AND GOLAN HEIGHTS WER IMMINENT. UNITED NATIONS FORCES WOULD TAKE UP EXPANDED POSITIONS IN BOTH PLACES. SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD BY THE END OF THE MONTH RETURN TO THE AREA FOR FINAL NEGOTIATIONS. MS. OSTUANY SAID THERE WOULD BE A MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT ON JUNE 18. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD REVEAL THE THREE-FRON MOVES. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF WHAT IF ANYTHING MIGHT BE GIVEN IN RETURN FOR SUCH WITHDRAWALS.

3. AFTER LEAVING THE QUEEN MOTHER AND CHIEF OF STAFF, MS. OSTUANY SAID SHE MET THE JORDANIAN CROWN PRINCE. SHE ASKED HIM ABOUT WHAT SHE HAD JUST BEENTOLD. HE CROWN PRINCE ASKED, ZHAS THAT NAUGHTY MAN BEEN TALKING AGAIN?" MS. OSTUANY ASKED IF THE REPORT WERE TRUE. THE CROWN PRINCE SAID "IT IS."

4. LATER, MS. OSTUANY SAID SHE CHECKED THIS INFORMATION WITH SYRIAN DEFENSE MINSITER MUSTAFA TLAS. THE DEFENSE MINISTER SAID IT WAS TRUE AND ADDED THAT THE ISRAELIS WOULD WITHDRAW FIFTEEN KILOMETERS IN THE WEST BANK. MS. OSTUANY ALSO SAID THE SECSTATE WAS DUE IN THE REGION JUNE 13-18, SPECIFYING AN EXACT ITINERARY.

5. THE PRECEDING WAS GIVEN TO BURGESS FOR ATTRIBUTION TO "USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES."
CCOMMENT: BEIRUT PRESS JUNE 12 CARRIED BRIEF AP AMMAN REPORT ATTRIBUTED TO "ARAB SOURCES" PREDICTING ISIT BY SECRETARY AT END OF MONTH TO EGYPT, SYRIA AND JORDAN TO CARRY PROPOSALS FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM GOLAN AND ALSO TEN MILES BACK FROM JORDAN RIVER " FROM LAKE
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